Strike call by employees of oil PSUs

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the oil Public Sector Undertakings in the country recently went on strike causing colossal loss to the undertakings;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the employees resorting to strike and what is the estimated loss suffered as a consequence thereof;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to avoid the strike situation and the reasons for failure to avert the strike by employees of oil PSUs; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to resolve the issues involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Some of the executives and non-unionised employees of the oil Public Sector Undertakings resorted to strike to press various demands relating to pay revision. As strike was called off within hours on the same day, notional and also nominal loss (mostly recouped) occurred.

(c) and (d) Several rounds of discussions were held at various levels with the office bearers of the OSOA (Oil Sector Officer's Association). Boards of the respective oil PSUs have since been empowered to resolve the issues that lie in their competence.